

November 13, 1919.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held today at 12 o'clock in the offices of the Board in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

All the members of the Board were present.

The resignation of Mr. Thomas W. Simmons as Secretary of the Board of Public Works was presented and formally accepted. Mr. George L. Radcliffe was elected in his stead.

A letter from Mr. G. R. Sinnickson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was read, urging that the iceboat "Annapolis" be repaired at the earliest moment possible. At the request of Governor Harrington, Mr. Radcliffe stated what had been done in connection with the Board of Awards at Baltimore City in reference to the matter. He reported that the original bids had exceeded \$300,000 and thereupon Mr. Bancroft Hill, Harbor Master, Baltimore City, had been directed to find out the minimum amount of work necessary to put the boat in commission for the season, including the installation of a new engine. Mr. Hill had made such a report and Messrs. Crook & Company had offered to do the work for approximately \$159,000 and had guaranteed that the repairs could be completed on the 1st of January, 1920, provided the contract was let immediately. On motion of Mr. McMullen, it was ordered that the City of Baltimore be notified that the State of Maryland would pay one-half of the amount referred to, provided that an agreement be entered into calling for the completion of the work on such date between January 1st and January 15th, as would be agreeable to Governor Harrington, provided further that a penalty for non-completion is included in the contract and is guaranteed by a suitable bond.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE,

Secretary